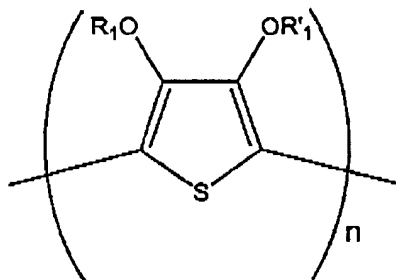


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Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A buffer layer composition comprising an aqueous dispersion of a polydioxothiophene and at least one colloid-forming polymeric acid wherein said composition has a pH greater than about 3 colloid-forming polymeric acid is a fluorinated polymeric sulfonic acid.

2. (Previously Presented) A buffer composition according to Claim 1, wherein said polydioxothiophene has the structure:



wherein:

R₁ and R'₁ are each independently selected from hydrogen and alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
or R₁ and R'₁ taken together form an alkylene chain having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which may optionally be substituted by alkyl or aromatic groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, or a 1,2-cyclohexylene radical, and
n is greater than about 6.

3. (Previously Presented) A buffer composition according to Claim 2, wherein R₁ and R'₁ together form an alkylene chain having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

4. (Previously Presented) A buffer composition according to Claim 3, wherein said polydioxothiophene comprises poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene).

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A buffer composition according to Claim 61, wherein said polymeric sulfonic acid is perfluorinated.

9. (Currently Amended) A buffer composition according to Claim 61, wherein said polymeric sulfonic acid is a perfluoroalkylenesulfonic acid.

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10. (Previously Presented) A buffer composition according to Claim 9, wherein said polymeric sulfonic acid is perfluoroethylenesulfonic acid.

11. (Canceled)
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35. (Canceled)
36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A buffer composition comprising an aqueous dispersion of a polydioxathiophene, at least one colloid-forming polymeric acid, and an additional material selected from ~~polymers, dyes, carbon nanotubes, metal nanowires, coating aids, organic and inorganic conductive inks and pastes, charge transport materials, crosslinking agents, and combinations thereof.~~ polythiophenes, polyanilines, polypyrroles, polyamines, polyacetylenes, and combinations thereof.

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- 38. (Canceled)
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- 51. (Canceled)
- 52. (Canceled)
- 53. (Canceled)

54. (Currently Amended) A buffer composition comprising an aqueous dispersion of a polythiophene and at least one colloid-forming polymeric acid, wherein said colloid-forming polymeric acid is a fluorinated polymeric sulfonic acid.

- 55. (Canceled)
- 56. (Canceled)
- 57. (Canceled)

58. (New) A buffer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition has a pH greater than about 3.

59. (New) A buffer composition comprising a dispersion of a polydioxothiophene and at least one colloid-forming polymeric acid in water, wherein said colloid-forming polymeric acid is a fluorinated polymeric sulfonic acid.